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COMMENTS ON RELATIONS WITH POLAND AND USSR

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1. AT THE THREE ALLIED AMBASSADORS LUNCH WITH STATE
SECRETARY FRANK OCTOBER 23, FRANK DESCRIBED IN GENERAL
TERMS FONMIN SCHEEL'S VISIT TO WARSAW THE PREVIOUS
WEEK. ACCORDING TO FRANK THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
POLISH LEADERS WERE IN VERY GENERAL TERMS, AND THE
HANDLING OF THE PROBLEMS OF RESETTLEMENT OF ETHNIC
GERMANS AND THE EXTENSION OF EXPORT CREDITS TO POLAND
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DID NOT TOUCH UPON SPECIFIC NUMBERS OR AMOUNTS.

FRANK'S IMPRESSION WAS THAT THE SCHEEL VISIT, AND THE ENVISAGED VISIT OF HIS POLISH COUNTERPART OLSZOWSKI TO BONN NEXT MONTH, WOULD BRING NO REAL MOVEMENT IN FRG/POLISH RELATIONS. THAT IMPROVEMENT WOULD ONLY COME DURING GIEREK'S PROPOSED VISIT TO THE FRG EARLY NEXT YEAR. FRANK SAID THAT THE POLES, OF COURSE, WERE UNDER NO ILLUSION THAT THE CONCEPTUAL LINK BETWEEN THE RESETTLEMENT AND CREDIT ISSUES WAS A VERY CLEAR AND PRECISE ONE, ALTHOUGH THE POLES WANT TO BE ABLE TO ASSERT THAT SUCH A LINK DID NOT EXIST. THE FACT WAS THAT IT DID EXIST AND THE POLES KNEW IT. FRANK THOUGHT THAT THE BARGAINING OVER THIS EXCHANGE WOULD BE CLARIFIED IN COMING MONTHS, BUT WITH THE FINAL DECISION ONLY TO BE TAKEN DURING THE POLISH PARTY CHIEF'S VISIT TO BONN.

2. CONCERNING THE FRG EXPERT DELEGATION'S RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW (REFTEL), FRANK CONFIRMED THAT THE PROSPECTS SEEMED REASONABLY GOOD FOR RESOLUTION OF SOME OF THE OUTSTANDING BERLIN PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE FRG AND USSR. FRANK SAID THAT THE APPARENT POSSIBLE SOLUTION OF THE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROBLEM (PARA 3 REFTEL), I.E. WHEREBY THE WEST BERLIN AND SOVIET COURTS COULD DEAL WITH EACH OTHER DIRECTLY, NOW SEEMED TO BE RUNNING INTO DIFFICULTIES ON THE GERMAN SIDE. THE JUSTICE MINISTRY WAS ASSERTING THAT SUCH A PROCEDURE WOULD NOT BE IN ACCORD WITH FRG LEGISLATION IN THIS AREA.

3. MOST OF THE DISCUSSION AT THE LUNCH, OF COURSE, CENTERED ON THE MID-EAST. THE ONLY OTHER ITEM THAT AROSE INVOLVED THE BY NOW STANDARD BRITISH PLEA THAT THE UK AMBASSADOR BE PERMITTED TO ARRIVE IN EAST BERLIN QUICKLY, EVEN IF THAT WERE BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE WEST GERMAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE. FRANK WAS NON-COMMITTAL IN HANDLING THE BRITISH APPROACH.
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